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The following is a copy received from
John Temple Rice:

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MEMO TO ALL GRAND RECORDERS and RECORDERS OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES:

In re: EXCHANGE OF GRAND ENCAAMPMENT RITUALS.

In October, 1952, a memo or bulletin was issued stating the necessity for restricting, for a six months period, the exchange of unserviceable Rituals, pending the printing of a new edition to replenish the supply. Replacement of unserviceable Rituals by new copies was limited to four (4) per Commandery during the period mentioned, preference being given to Rituals assigned to Commanders, Generalissimos, Captains General and Prelates.

It is now found necessary to extend the restriction on the exchange of Rituals for another period of several months from this date. The Company which supplies the stationery, publications, etc., needed by the Grand Encampment, has been fully occupied in getting out the material indicated, since the beginning of this Triennium. It is now busily engaged in setting-up, proofing and printing the Proceedings of the 45th Triennial Conclave held at New Orleans last September. This Company has the forms for printing of our Ritual. It will take considerable time to print the new Ritual, which will include all the changes and additions which have been made since the issuance of the last edition. This work can hardly be started until the Book of Proceedings is finally completed and distributed.

You are advised, therefore, that the limitation on the exchange of worn and unserviceable Rituals must continue for several months longer. You are instructed to forward for exchange only those Rituals which are deemed completely unusable, the number being limited to four per Commandery, with preference to be given to those assigned to the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate.

Requisitions for new Rituals to replace LOST copies will be honored as heretofore, so far as possible, provided the affidavits, etc., comply with the requirements of our Law.

Your compliance with this request, relative to the forwarding of Rituals for exchange during the extended period of shortage, will be duly appreciated.

This notice is given and request for compliance is made by direction of the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

Courteously yours,

John T. Rice
Grand Recorder.

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